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SUBJECT: THIRD COUNTRY ASSISTANCE TO FY 1976 PROSPECTIVE MAP

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1. THIRD COUNTRY GRANTS FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATIONS TO JORDAN SINCE 1970 VALUED AT \$226.7 MILLION ARE LISTED BELOW BY YEAR. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF \$8 MILLION FOR U.K. ORIGIN, MARCONI RADAR AND SOME MINOR ITEMS LIKE MILITARY BUSES, ALL MILITARY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THIRD COUNTRIES HAS BEEN OF U.S. ORIGIN.

2. CHART: THIRD COUNTRY GRANTS FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR EXPENDITURES:

ITEM	DONOR COUNTRY	VALUE IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
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1973

EXTRA BUDGETARY GRANT	ABU DHABI	\$ 10.0
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TO JAA

1974

524 ARMORED PERSONNEL

CARRIERS M-113,

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M-125 MORTAR CARRIERS,

AMMUNITION AND RADIOS	ABU DHABI	\$ 44.0
MARCONI RADAR	ABU DHABI	\$ 8.0
USED		
22 F-5A/B AIRCRAFT,		
SPARES	IRAN	\$ 12.0
50 MILITARY BUSES	IRAN	\$ 2.2
MILITARY HOUSING	IRAN	\$ 10.0
BARRACKS CONSTRUCTION	QATAR	\$ 4.0
AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION	SAUDI ARABIA	\$ 12.0
TOTAL		\$ 92.2

1975

MILITARY HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION	IRAN	\$ 4.5
OFFICERS HOUSING	SAUDI ARABIA	\$ 10.0
UNALLOCATED	SAUDI ARABIA	\$ 51.0
UNALLOCATED	KUWAIT	\$ 50.0
UNALLOCATED	QATAR	\$ 9.0
TOTAL		\$124.5

NOTE: LAST THREE UNALLOCATED FIGURES ARE RABAT WAR CHEST PAYMENT,  
RABAT COMMITMENTS TOTAL \$170 MILLION, ANNUALLY FOR FOUR YEARS 1975-8.

3. ALL EQUIPMENT EXCEPT THE IRANIAN 11 F-5 A/B AIRCRAFT  
AND 40 M125A1 MORTAR CARRIERS WAS NEW AT TIME OF  
RECEIPT BY GOJ. THE 11 F-5 A/B AIRCRAFT SO FAR DELIVERED WERE IN FAIR  
CONDITION WHEN RECEIVED; HOWEVER, DILIGENT EFFORTS  
BY RJAF HAVE UPGRADED THE QUALITY OF THE AIRCRAFT  
TO A GOOD-TO-VERY-GOOD CONDITION. THE U.S. ORIGIN  
MORTAR CARRIERS ARE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION.

4. BOTH MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATIONS ACQUIRED  
THROUGH THIRD COUNTRY ASSISTANCE WERE IN LINE WITH  
REQUIREMENTS OF THE JORDAN ARMED FORCES (JAF) WHICH  
U.S. MILITARY MISSIONS HAVE STUDIED CLOSELY SINCE  
1970.

5. THE ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND MORTAR CARRIERS  
WERE PURCHASED FROM THE U.S. ON AN FMS CASH BASIS, AND  
THE TRANSFER OF THE 22 F-5 A/B AIRCRAFT FROM IRAN WAS  
APPROVED BY THE U.S.G. THERE HAS BEEN NO INSTANCE IN  
THE PERIOD UNDER STUDY OF GRANTS BY THIRD COUNTRIES

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WHICH WERE FELT TO BE INIMICAL TO THE REALIZATION OF USG  
OBJECTIVES FOR JORDAN.

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6. WHILE SEARCHING FOR THE BEST ARRANGEMENTS - MILITARY, ECONOMICALLY, AND POLITICALLY -- JORDAN HAS NOT BEEN OVERLY ANXIOUS TO PIT ONE COUNTRY AGAINST ANOTHER IN AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN MORE EQUIPMENT. THE JAF HAS A STRONG REFERENCE FOR U.S. EQUIPMENT BOTH BECAUSE THEY RECOGNIZE AN OBLIGATION TO US DUE TO OUR LARGE GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND ALSO BECAUSE THEY VALUE THE QUALITY OF U.S. EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, THE JAF'S OVERRIDING CONCERN IS TO MAINTAIN THEIR MILITARY READINESS. WE THEREFORE DO NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF JORDAN'S ACQUIRING EQUIPMENT FROM OTHER SUPPLIERS IF THE U.S. WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE MAJOR EQUIPMENT ITEMS OR TO MEET JORDANIAN REQUIREMENTS, PARTICULARLY REGARDING AVAILABILITY, E.G. FOR AN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM.

7. WE WELCOME ASSISTANCE OF THE TYPE AND AMOUNTS GIVEN DURING THE PERIOD FROM FRIENDLY COUNTRIES PARTICULARLY FROM THE OIL RICH COUNTRIES. IT RELIEVES THE USG OF SOME OF THE BURDEN OF PROVIDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND RELIEVES THE GOJ OF THE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP WHICH WOULD BE CAUSED BY PURCHASING THE EQUIPMENT FROM ITS OWN DEFICIT-RIDDEN BUDGET. SINCE 1967 AND PARTICULARLY SINCE OCTOBER 1973 JORDAN'S

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RELATIVE MILITARY STRENGTH HAS DECREASED CONSIDERABLY IN COMPARISON TO HER NEIGHBORS AND ITS LEGITIMATE DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS EXCEED CURRENT LEVELS OF BOTH U.S. AND THIRD COUNTRY ASSISTANCE. THIS WIDENING GAP HAS BEEN CAUSE FOR CONCERN WITHIN GHE GOJ BUT THEY HAVE THUS FAR RESISTED ACCEPTING ASSISTANCE FROM SOVIET OR SYRIAN SOURCES AND CONTINUE TO RELY ON U.S. SUPPLIES.

8. PRIOR TO 1974, MOST OF JAF'S NEW EQUIPMENT CAME IN THE FORM OF GRANTS FROM THE U.S. NOW A VERY STRONG DESIRE TO ACQUIRE U.S. EQUIPMENT EITHER THROUGH GRANTS OR SALES IS APPARENT. TOTAL U.S. FMS CASH SALES TO JORDAN IN 1974 RWOSE TO \$55.4 MILLION OVER 1973'S TOTAL OF \$12.6 MILLION, IT APPEARS THAT THE 1975 TOTAL WILL BE EVEN HIGHER THAN IN 1974. MOST OF THE FUNDS FOR THESE SALES WILL COME FROM OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES AS A RESULT OF THE RABAT SUBSIDY (THEORETICALLY \$170 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR FOUR YEARS) AND FROM AD HOC GRANTS. IF THE U.S. IS ABLE TO PROVIDE REASONABLE TERMS ON RELEASIBILITY, AVAILABILITY AND PRICE OF U.S. EQUIPMENT, WE SEE NO REASON WHY JORDAN SHOULD NOT SPEND AN OVERWHELMING PORTION OF ITS ARAB SUBSIDIES ON U.S. EQUIPMENT.

9. WE BELIEVE HOWEVER THAT CONTINUED GRANT AID FROM THE U.S. (AT LEVELS PROPOSED IN THE POM). IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO KEEP JORDAN FROM BECOMING WHOLLY DEPENDENT UPON OTHER DONORS WHOSE OBJECTIVES MAY DIFFER FROM THOSE OF THE U.S. AND WHO MIGHT ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE POLICY OF THE GUJ THROUGH THEIR GRANTS. U.S. ASSISTANCE WILL HELP PROVIDE JORDAN THE ABILITY TO REMAIN AN INDEPENDENT MODERATE AND STABLE FORCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.  
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